AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0020] as identified in the published application 2006/0293936 with the revised paragraph [0020] below:

[0020] With reference to FIG. 1, there is depicted a block chart illustrating the inventive components for transforming an offering describing a customer specific service environment in business terms into a machine-readable and executable customer specific service environment definition which can be processed by a resource management system. The inventive components may be preferably implemented in a client-server architecture in which the customer uses a client system 150 (having customer business requirements 152) with an operating system like Microsoft Windows, and Internet Browser like Netscape, and the service provider uses a server system 100 like IBM pseries with an operating system like IBM AIX, an application server like IBM WebSphere Application Server, and a Web server. The server of the service provider 100 has access to a pool of resources 133 like hardware, programs, networks, disks etc via a resource management system 132. The pool of resources may be owned and managed by the service provider himself or the service provider uses another service provider's pool of resources.

Please replace paragraph [0028] as identified in the published application 2006/0293936 with the revised paragraph [0028] below:

[0028] An aggregated resource type contains references to one or more other resource types with certain parameters for them or a certain combination of them or both. E.g. an aggregated resource type `HIGH-SECURE FIREWALL` may reference to the `STANDARD FIREWALL` with configuration parameter to only open a first port ~~80~~, where `MEDIUM-SECURE FIREWALL` references the same `STANDARD FIREWALL` but with configuration parameters to open port ~~80~~ the first port ~~AND 1024~~and a second port. An example where multiple resource types are referenced is the aggregated resource type `SECURE WEBSERVER` which may reference a

`WEBSERVER` resource type and a `FIREWALL` resource type with their appropriate parameters.

Please replace paragraph [0037] as identified in the published application 2006/0293936 with the revised paragraph [0037] below:

[0037] The method works recursively, which means for each expanded child node in the topology tree, it searches for the categorization information in the resource catalog 300-400 and expands it, if found and so on. The recursion 300 ends, if a base resource type is referenced which is not further expandable. In this case the node is a leaf node in the tree 700-800. It represents a specific base resource which has to be managed in the customer specific service environment implementing the offering.